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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Goochland	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Rock Castle

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Rock Castle

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
E side of southern end of Rt. 600.

CITY OR TOWN:
Rock Castle

STATE: Virginia CODE: 45 COUNTY: Goochland CODE: 075

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
~~Captain and Mrs. Igor Moravsky deceased~~

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rock Castle

CITY OR TOWN: Goochland STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Goochland County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Goochland STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 08

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COUNTY: Goochland

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rock Castle estate consists of scenic farmlands and woodlands situated on a high bluff overlooking the upper James River. The original house, now known as the Queen Anne Cottage, stands several hundred feet from its original location. The house is a small, five-bay, story-and-a-half frame structure with clipped gable ends and two interior end chimneys. The cornice on both front and back features large unscrolled modillions. The entrance motif is individually treated; it has a single eight panel door flanked by solid panels in much the same manner as sidelights.

Except for two window walls, the first floor of the house is fully paneled. Each room on either side of the hall has a segmental arched fireplace flanked by windowed chimney closets. The staircase features a finely molded hand rail, vase-and-column balusters, and scrolled stair ends. The two second-floor rooms are very plain and have little wood trim, while the new basement rooms have been outfitted with modern facilities.

The Queen Anne Cottage is fronted by a brick wall which surrounds an extensive formal garden set between the house and the modern Normandy manor-style house. The modern house is a picturesque but sizeable brick structure and is dramatically located at the edge of a steep incline which leads to the James River bottom lands. Just to the south of the house is the original site of the Queen Anne Cottage.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rock Castle, named for a high rock bluff overlooking the James River, was patented in 1718 by Charles Fleming of New Kent County. Colonel William Byrd II referred to Rock Castle in his "Progress to the Mines," in 1732, indicating that the house was standing by this time. The house was built by Tarleton Fleming, son of Charles Fleming, and was inherited by his son Tarleton in 1750. The second Tarleton Fleming married Mary Randolph of nearby Tuckahoe, and it was he who owned Rock Castle when, in 1781, Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton stopped at the house on his return from the unsuccessful attempt to capture Thomas Jefferson and the Virginia Legislators at Charlottesville. Seeing the Tarleton coat of arms displayed above the parlor fireplace by a patriot, Tarleton set fire to the house and carried off the coat of arms. The servants extinguished the fire with little damage to the house.

In 1843 Rock Castle was purchased by John Rutherford, Governor of Virginia from 1841 to 1842. His son, John Coles Rutherford, built an Italianate front onto the house and laid out the garden. The house was raided by a marauding company of Federal cavalry under General Philip H. Sheridan in 1865. In 1908 Mrs. George Ben Johnston, daughter of John Coles Rutherford, restored and improved the garden. James Osborne bought the property in 1935 and decided to erect a Norman manor-style house on the site of the first house. During the dismantling, the original house underneath the Italianate-style villa was discovered. The house was moved several hundred feet to a new location on the property and today stands facing the same direction it did when originally built. The restoration and moving of Rock Castle was carried out under the direction of Herbert Claiborne, who also designed the new house. From the time the house was moved and restored, it has been known as the Queen Anne Cottage, while the estate retains the name of Rock Castle.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Agee, Helene Barret, Facets of Goochland (Virginia) County's History.
 Richmond, 1962.
 "Rock Castle," Goochland County Historical Society, Vol. 1, No. 2 (Autumn,
 1969), 12-14.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	37 ° 38 ' 27 "	77 ° 59 ' 45 "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	37 ° 38 ' 27 "	77 ° 58 ' 32 "				
SE	37 ° 37 ' 35 "	77 ° 58 ' 32 "				
SW	37 ° 37 ' 35 "	77 ° 59 ' 45 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 460 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: April 29, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Dr. Edward P. Alexander, Chairman
 Title Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

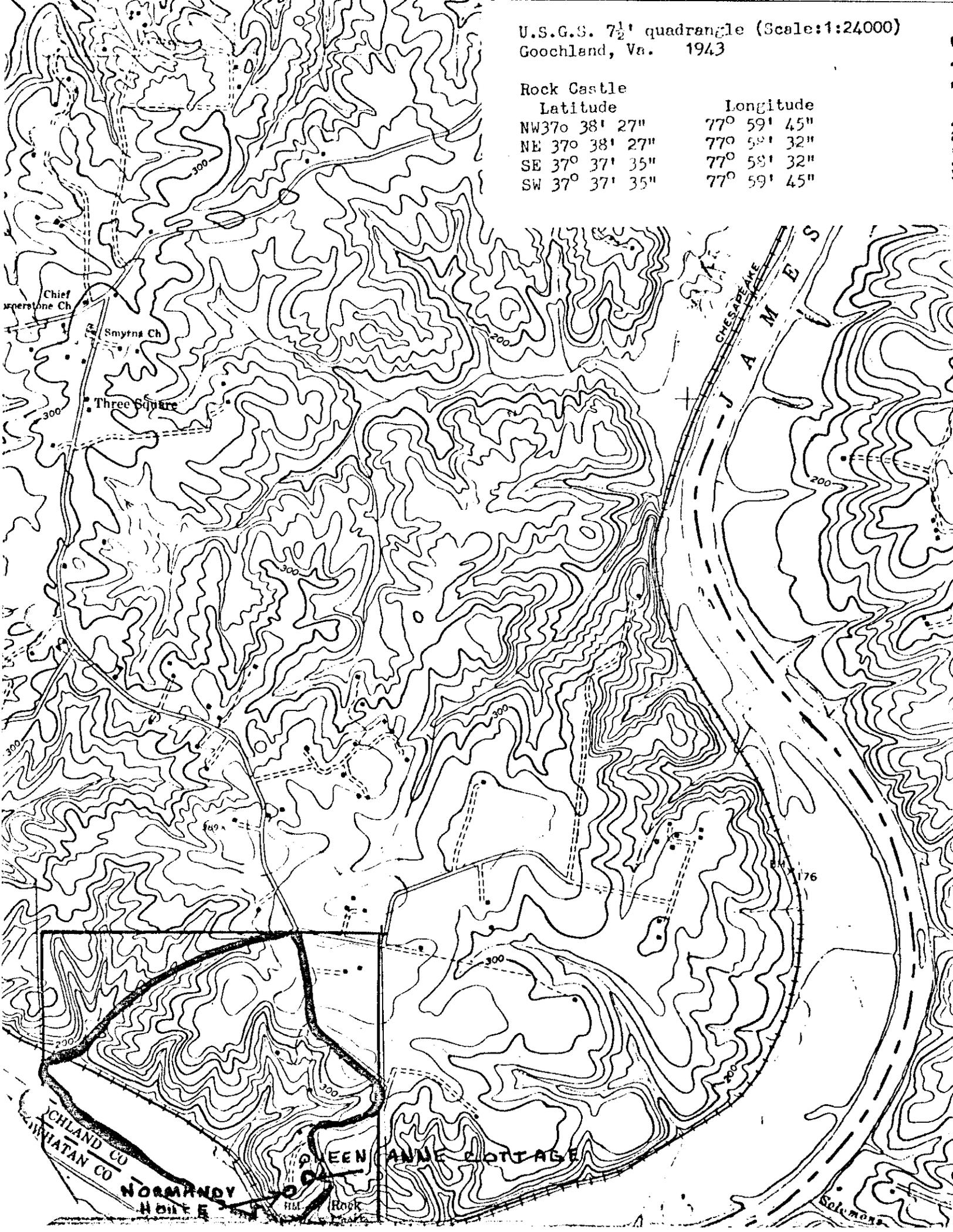
Date _____

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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (Scale:1:24000)
Goochland, Va. 1943

Rock Castle

Latitude	Longitude
NW 37° 38' 27"	77° 59' 45"
NE 37° 38' 27"	77° 59' 32"
SE 37° 37' 35"	77° 59' 32"
SW 37° 37' 35"	77° 59' 45"



GOOCHLAND CO
SPYGLASS CO
NORMANDY
HOUSE

GREEN ANNE COTTAGE

Salem